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## Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

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application of pending prior Application No. 09/240, 123, filed on January 29, 1999.

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Title: CONTOURED LAYER CHANNEL FLOW FILTRATION MEDIA

- Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
- 2. Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
- 3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
- 1. Enclosed is a new specification.
- 5. Enclosed are four (4) sheet(s) of drawings.
- 6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
- 7. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/240,123 filed January 29, 1999.

- 8. Please cancel claims 1-32.
- 9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 10. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

| Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims<br>Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 8 Or 9 Above |                     |                      |             |                           |
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| Total<br>Claims  | 5 -20 =             | 0                    | x \$18      | \$0                       |
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| file and during the entire extension of time under             | Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any 7 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should eby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed. |
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| 12. An assignment  | Manufacturing Company is of record in the prior application. and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been sently in the prior application but is not yet recorded. It with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.  |
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